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Frisco Police Explores Creating a K9 Unit

FRISCO, TX – The Frisco Police Department has been exploring the options and benefits of creating a K9 Program and this private grant from Elevate Life will help start the program. A K9 program offers many benefits such as deterrence, officer safety and the ability to detect illegal substances. Although Frisco has a very low crime rate for a city our size, a K9 unit will help to ensure that statistic remains low. The department has been relying on other agencies for K9 assistance with fleeing suspects, narcotics searches and building/area searches in the recent years. While we are grateful for their assistance, the department feels it is time to create our own unit to meet our specific needs.

The most important benefit of having a K9 program will be the ability to support patrol officers with their regular duties. A K9 is extremely useful in preventative patrol such as building searches and narcotic searches. A trained K9's ability to search will save the department money in man hours. The dog will be able to effectively accomplish tasks that usually require multiple officers and takes up valuable time. This benefit also provides another level of Officer Safety to the officers involved in these searches.

A K9 program can also serve as a tremendous public relations tool. Crime prevention through community awareness and participation is a priority in Frisco. A K9 program will serve a specific purpose in conjunction with our Community Services Unit. It has been demonstrated by many departments that citizens love to see K9's demonstrate their unique skills that enhance the Department's mission.

The department feels that now is the time to create a K9 program in order to add another resource to be utilized for many situations. We expect to have a K9 unit functional by late 2014 or early 2015.

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